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TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Leanne Kurtz, HJR 37 staff
DATE: October 14, 2003
RE: House Joint Resolution No. 37 (study of the Subdivision and Platting Act)

You or your organization has been identified as a potential interested party in the above-referenced legislative interim study (enclosed). The study has been assigned to the Education and Local Government Interim Committee, which has formed a Local Government Subcommittee to handle the HJR 37 study and other topics related to local governments.

Representative Joan Andersen appointed the Local Government Subcommittee last week. The members are Senators Jeff Mangan (chair), Rick Laible, and Bill Glaser and Representative Andersen.

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the membership, alert you to the meeting that is planned for Thursday, October 30, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 152 of the Capitol, and most importantly, to solicit your input and comments with regard to the study and to the Subdivision and Platting Act.

At the conclusion of the October 30 meeting, the Subcommittee will be determining the scope of the study and giving me direction on how to proceed. While a study resolution offers guidance for the scope of a study, the legislators charged with conducting the study have the prerogative to define the scope as they consider appropriate. As the professionals who work with the Act on a daily basis, your input will be important to the members as they make those decisions. You are encouraged to attend the meeting and offer your comments or, if you are unable to attend, please send your comments to me at the address on the letterhead and I will make sure the members receive them. If you do attend, written testimony is always appreciated.

If you plan to contribute comments or suggestions, please be as specific as possible in identifying the problem you see with the law and how you propose to correct it. Wherever possible, please reference specific sections of the Montana Code Annotated.

The public comment portion of the meeting is scheduled from 10:30 - 11:15, after the Subcommittee hears from a panel that will discuss how the process currently works, including the role of the Sanitation in Subdivisions Act.

I hope you will be able to attend the meeting on the 30th. Please feel free to contact me with any

questions. My phone number is (406) 444-3593 and my e-mail address is lekurtz@mt.gov.